Reply to: 2430

Date: 05/07/2012

Dear Prospective Bidder:

On 06/05/2012, at 10:00 AM, initial bids for Oral Auction will be opened in the Cle Elum Ranger District, 803 West Second Street, Cle Elum, WA for the Via Kachess Salvage SBA sale. This sale is located in Section 18, T21N, R13E, WM surveyed, Kittitas County, Washington. Timber sale Contract 2400-6T will be used. The termination date for this sale is 03/31/2013. This is a small business set-aside sale.

This sale will be preferentially awarded to a qualified small business concern. In the absence of any bids from a self-certifying qualified small business concern, the sale will be readvertised without restriction on the size of bidders.

The estimated quantities in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this sale is 290 CCF. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:

| Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure | | | | | | | Required Deposits | |
|---|------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Species | Product | Unit of Measure | Estimated Quantities | Average DBH | Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates | Base Rates | Slash Disposal | Road Maintenance |
| Western Hemlock and Other Coniferous Species | Sawtimber | CCF | 264.00 | 17.00 | \$16.16 | \$3.00 | \$0.99 | \$0.00 |
| Only the Fixed Rate Applies | | | | | | | | ***** |
| Biomass-All Species | Grn Bio Cv | CCF | 26.00 | N/A | \$0.25 | \$0.25 | \$0.99 | \$0.00 |
| | Total | CCF | 290.00 | | | | \$287.10 | \$0.00 |

The minimum acceptable weighted average bid rate is \$16.16 per CCF.

There is a \$500.00 bid guarantee required on this sale.

If you wish further information on this sale, the prospectus and bid form, please write or call the Cle Elum Ranger District, 803 West Second Street, Cle Elum, WA.

Sincerely,

Susan Rinke

Contracting Officer

Enclosure